



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 30th June 2019

Our Mission is ...

To draw people to faith in Christ

To grow people in their commitment to Christ

To reach out beyond ourselves with the love of Christ

Shot in the Foot. No one likes the idea of doing damage to one's self but all too often we shoot our leadership, our activities or ourselves in the foot and cripple our potential. Why do we permit prejudice to disrupt our relationships, create unbelief and restrict the operation of the gifts of God's Spirit? It's not

about stroking egos but rather to encourage, and support each other so God's blessing can be released. Prejudice and unbelief limit the work of God.



There is no doubt that the way we think about each other affects the way we get on together. People will only excel if we believe in them. Gifts can only function if we accept them. Ministries will only flourish if we support them. Children will only succeed if we encourage them. Leaders can only rise to the height that people let them. We can so easily block

what God would do by our attitudes. Jesus said,

'Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward' (Matthew 10:41).

To recognise, acknowledge and receive gifting, brings reward, blessing and benefit to both the giver and the recipient. That is God's plan for us.

Go well and blessings

Richard

Welcome to our services today! 30th June 2019

Theme: Shot in the foot

Readings: 1 John 3:11-18 & Luke 4:16-30

Sentence: Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:11-18

Collect: Sovereign God we have no good apart from you; Gladden our hearts in following your radical call so that in your presence we may find the fullness of joy; Through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest



Have you seen the Church water blaster? It appears to have gone walk about. If you know where it is please can we have it back. Thank you.

AAW Meeting

Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm for devotions, reports and sales table. 8pm meeting with the Choir in Church followed by supper. All are welcome.



Exciting News! Nativity can now accept online donations via credit card. Visit <https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/give> for details.

Today at 4pm, Taizé Service in Barnies. All welcome.



NATIVITY CHURCH & GREEN PRESCRIPTION
INVITE YOU TO

Care & Share

A place for our creatives to meet,
encourage and share their skill.

2nd & 4th Monday of each month
9:30am - 11:30am in the Nativity Lounge

Jan's Joy: The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. Proverbs 23:24



Missional needs: Please pray for the following.

- **'Tunes for Tots'** - Pray for the team and the families coming and the commencement of the Bible study.
- Pray for **our families** who are experiencing job and accommodation uncertainty.
- **The Corin Family** – For wisdom as they continue to balance life and ministry, for relationships to be strengthened and deepened and blessing on the family. Pray for the planning of Sasha's tertiary education and for pressured finances.
- **The Tucker Family** – For wisdom as they support international students. And for their work in the local church.
- **Matt Gwynne** – For his work with YWAM, for his Bible study and prayer support group he runs for sports people. Pray for his chaplaincy work with rugby and surfing professionals, and for financial support.
- **MAF** – For John Neal and Derek Harding in their roles on the board and for expansion of the ministry.
- **Nathan and Rosey** – For their work in India with disadvantaged young women as they help them become financially independent and that these women would come to know Jesus.
- **Zane and Karen Elliot** – For their training with NZCMS in the UK, for their finances and for wisdom over the northern summer.

The Diocese is seeking a parishioner with a current STMS (Site Traffic Management Supervisor) qualification who would be willing to volunteer their skills for Bishop-Elect Steve's Ordination and Installation service. You don't need to be based in Nelson but we would need you to be present on the day of the service (Sat 31st August). If you are this special person, could you please contact Rachel Boyack at the Diocesan Office. Phone 03 548 3124

What's on this week:

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon care cell in the lounge
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Misfits in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
	7.30pm	AAW meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



If you would like to join a care cell, Chris and Susanne Donaldson are our care cell co-ordinators Phone 5783909

Prayer Focus

Edgar G Watts of California aged 84, read the Bible from cover to cover 161 times – and he only had the use of one eye! Now there's a challenge for us all.



- Mon.** Why does the Bible remain the world's most widely read book? One simple reason – you read every other book – the Bible reads you.
- Tues.** Your soul cannot thrive without God's Word- just as your body cannot thrive without a daily intake of food. Pray that truth into the lives of your family and friends.
- Wed.** Developing a love for scripture requires three things. First *DECISION*. Unless we establish Bible reading as a daily priority, it will never happen.
- Thurs.** Next *DUTY*. You may not feel like (e.g.) going to work, but you know it's your duty, so you do it. Pray today that you will stay strong over your Bible reading.
- Fri.** When you reach the stage of *DELIGHT* over reading the Bible – the battle is won!
- Sat.** One of the dangers of the iPhone is that you live on small "hits" of information. God cannot be reduced to a brief word count. Job 22:12 "I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my daily bread."

Prayer Request box in the foyer of the church is to write any prayer requests on the paper provided and pop it into the box. We will collect them, and they will be prayed through every Tuesday and for the week following.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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Kathy Taylor
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